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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND'S POSITION ON THE NFDM PROBLEM

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REFTEL REPORTS GNZ IS "PRESENTLY DRAFTING A POSITION
FAVORING SUPPORT OF THE EC COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL FOR
ELIMINATING 600,000 TONS OF SURPLUS NFDM." USG IS
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STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS PROPOSAL, AND HAS SO INFORMED

EC COMMISSION. PROPOSAL IS AN UNAMBIGUOUSLY ILLEGAL
MIXING REGULATION DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO GATT ARTICLE III,
AND THREATENS TO REDUCE US SOYBEAN EXPORTS TO EC MARKETS
IN DEROGATION OF GATT BINDING. WHILE WE FULLY
UNDERSTAND NEW ZEALAND'S SENSE OF RELIEF THAT EC DOES NOT
INTEND TO FLOOD WORLD MARKET WITH ITS HUGE NFDM SURPLUS,
WE SEE NO REASON FOR NEW ZEALAND TO TAKE ANY PUBLIC
POSITION ON THE MATTER. FURTHERMORE, WE WOULD BE
DISTRESSED TO SEE GNZ TAKE A POSITION IN SUPPORT
OF AN ACTION WHICH IS CONTRARY TO SPIRIT AND LETTER OF
THE GATT AND FOR WHICH WE WOULD SEEK REDRESS UNDER GATT.
ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD EXPRESS THESE VIEWS TO APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS OF GNZ. KISSINGER

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